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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Washington 25, D.C.

March 20, 1956

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group - Committee on Broadcasting
and Television (COBAT)

11th Meeting held 2 p.m.
March 19, 1956, OCB Conference Room

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:

USIA - Robert E. Button, Chairman
ICA - Robert Bruskin
CIA Representative
State - T. H. E. Nesbitt (Chairman, TPB)
OCB - Leslie Brady
Ralph Busick
Marjorie Denny

1. The minutes of the March 12 meeting were approved as written.
2. The Chairman reported to the Committee on educational developments in television in the field. The ICA representative agreed to round up before the next meeting the developments in Indonesia, Pakistan, Iran and Ethiopia.
3. The ICA representative presented the comments of his agency on the TV-in-Europe paper to be considered by the Board Assistants March 23.
4. A despatch from Bonn concerning possible introduction of U.S. television standards into Germany through the establishment of Armed Forces TV stations was discussed. However, detailed discussion of German objections to this plan was postponed until the next meeting when the Defense representative will be present to outline the situation and explain just what Defense is planning to do in Germany.
5. The Chairman of the TPB called the attention of COBAT to the recent Glubb article concerning the British loss of the radio war in the Middle East, and in this connection, pointed out that the U.S. was also losing ground in this area; the megawatt transmitters already in Government possession were not being used; and the U.S. was not able to make the most of the Georgian situation at this time. In the ensuing discussion the fact was brought out that the NSC and the President had approved the installation of these high-powered transmitters held in excess by the GSA.
6. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

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